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Whose Invisible Editor is the Conqueror on the white horse—the new Initiate in his solar body.

The Conqueror—to him I shall award to eat (the fruit) of the tree of life which is in the middle of the Garden of the God.

The award to the Conqueror, is the Eternal Memory: he shall eat the fruit of the tree of life (the fruitage of the life cycle) in the God's own abiding place, the mystical paradise or state of ineffable bliss.

The award to the Conqueror is conscious Immortality; he is to wear the crown of life, and nothing that originates in the soul-consciousness shall pass into the oblivion of the second death.

The Conqueror—to him I shall award to eat a share of the hidden manna; and I shall award to him a white voting-pebble, and on the voting pebble (will be) a new name engraved, which no one knows but he who receives it.

The Conqueror—he shall be clothed in white garments, and I shall not at all erase his name from the book of life, but I shall acknowledge his name before my Father and before his Divinities.

The Conqueror shall not at all be punished by the second death. He who has an ear to hear, let him hear.

"Son of Man"

OR, THE SEQUEL TO EVOLUTION

—By CELESTIA ROOT LANG—

"DIVINE incarnation is the cause of creation. And the relation of the vital union existing between God and nature is expressed in the successive planes of incarnation of the Christ-principle or divine energy. This brings the question of 'First Cause,' within the domain of science. The Christ-principle theory or psychic evolution shows that all these beautiful laws (of evolution) are the necessary results of the incarnation of divine energy; that these laws are explained by the doctrine of the divine mode of incarnation or planes of divine energy, and thus a new science comes into being and Christology becomes a physical science.

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cially seems to me the simplest sign of separate entity or spirit individuality, and its appearance among psychical phenomena the very act of spirit-birth. The change from the one to the other is like to a birth into a higher plane, the beginning of another cycle of evolution. In the beginning of psychical life, the Christ-principle is but an appendage of the body, in the end the body is but the vehicle of the immortal spirit.

"The fatal mistake in theology is in supposing that the human soul is immortal; i. e., capable of individual spirit existence. It is analogous to the theory that every monkey is on the highway to become a man. Many monkeys came into being, but few attained to humanity; many human souls, too, have come into being, but few will attain immortality. The animam, or soul of man, on the rational plane, is not immortal; the Christ-man only has a distinct personality or spirit individuality. Material evolution finds its goal in man, psychic evolution in a Christ-man.

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THE TERRORS OF A REVOLUTION.

WHAT HO! Brothers of the Heights? What hath ye in store for this American Republic that is fast decaying? A REVOLUTION, I hear the far off reply. A Red, Red, Revolution. And who will start it? The Roman Catholics and Protestant materialists of America. You mean to tell me that Protestants and Catholics will support each other? Quite so, in order to hold on to the established order of things which is so dear to their hearts. But tell me, do not the Protestant Masons advocate the separation of Church and State? Quite so, but what they advocate and what they will do when brought face to face with their choice between their beloved Gold and their much talked of Principles is a story of a different question. You mean to tell me that Masons will support Catholics in the Revolution that is imminent here in America? Quite so. Many Masons today support the Roman Cath-

olic teachings and the Roman Catholic Church. Then are they not hypocrites? Quite so, hypocrites all who barter their birthright for a mass of Catholic gold and Catholic patronage.

The world will turn Red, soon. Not months but weeks. Oh you are a false prophet, an agitator, and perhaps you have relatives in Red, Red Russia! No, I am a plain American born citizen who happens to believe in the little story told me when at school, that all Nations of the Earth with the Roman Catholic Church thrown in, and all the traitors residing here in America in collusion could not conquer this Republic which is Eternal in the Heavens. And I have implict faith in the little story related to me at the little red school house in Massillon, Ohio, where I was born and reared.

I feel as many other good Americans feel who are not rich, not in politics and graft but who love their Country for its own sake regardless of what it can yield them, that the great majority of American citizens who are prominent in buisiness, professions and banking and who are regarded as the worth whiles are a lot of low-down COWARDS. True they can enlist and go to the front to fight the Germans, true they can don kaki and wear stripes and epaulets and parade as officers and generals. But when it comes to meeting the Roman Catholic issue here in America which will cost them dollars and cents and a loss of business, and the possible fear of a shake-up in economic conditions and the possible loss of their earnings and their homes, they lay down like a lot of frozen turtle-doves, willing to be plucked to the last feather, rather than stand up like men and declare that Roman Catholicism

which is threatening to destroy their Republic and all it stands for, must get out of AMERICA completely and with it all the fake Religious teaching that has been warping the minds, intellects and souls of the young for ages and robbing us of sweet money in tax-exemption and false charity.

I say AMERICA in order to come into her own immortal heritage of FREEDOM of her Soul must eliminate all Religion, must control the Government by nationalizing all industries, must operate all Banks, must take care that "All men are created equal," and being such must be provided for materially that their Soul growth is not interfered with.

I say the present established order as it stands today is a curse set upon Civilization. Its fruits of murder, and degeneracy, its record of warfare, greed and shame is enough to cast a shadow over all of God's so-called Kingdom and make one believe that Satan has conquered instead of God. I say that things have gone far enough—but now to the awakening! Millionaires will no longer be. The masses must come into their own sooner or later, if the Sun must be darkened for a time and flames, water and the sword lay earth's plane into a vast waste.

Then only shall Americans harken to the Word of the Almighty God, "I have come unto my own and they knew Me not. Now I shall destroy all the faithless and establish the Righteous unto Resurrection Day."

"Behold, I come, not here, nor there, but as the lightning cometh from the East, and from the West, so shall the Coming of the Son of Man be, in Glory and Effulgence." —Harry R. Lang.

THE HOOVER-SMITH TWINS.

A Foreign Combination.

AMERICANS, Behold, the double-headed monster which now asks you for your votes that they may run your Government for you in International order and in International style, and continue the Reign of Gold, the unspeakable Ring that has controlled McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson, Harding and Coolidge, and now asks us to perpetuate its lease of life through Hoover or Al Smith.

I wish that I could bring home to your minds the real motive that lies between these two respectful candidates, that have been offered to the American People as a possible Presidential possibility. I wish I could convince you that what we call Government Rule in America today is so rotten and corrupt that it stinks to High Heaven. A Government of debauchery, wantoness, waste, greed, gain, graft, and wholesale thievery, to which the last days of Rome are mild in its comparison. I wish I could make you see the brazenness of the International clique who laugh up their sleeves at the game they have played upon the American People in presenting two eminent foreigners for a Presidential prefiguration, knowing all the time that to choose one or the other means a continuation of the Reign of Pillage that is wrecking our American Republic.

A VOTE FOR HOOVER IS A VOTE FOR SMITH. A VOTE FOR SMITH IS A VOTE FOR HOOVER. One is Republican and the other is Democrat, and I don't quite understand.

You would understand if you understood the secret agreement between Hoover and Al Smith. 1st. Don't for God's sake stir up the Religious Issue and

turn America into a seething Hell. 2nd. Don't for mercy's sake raise the Prohibition question so that the Truth must be told that neither one of us intend to carry out the Will of the American People and make the Country bone-dry. 3rd. Don't for Heaven's sake make the Farmer feel that either of us two twins intend to give them an even break and build up America. 4th. Don't for Christ's sake let the People know that we are two twins closely related who are bent on wrecking America slowly to rehabilitate Europe and that both of us have another World War up our sleeves that proposes to completely break the independent American spirit, and make us a mere cog in the Great International Scheme of things that proposes to standardize, sterilize, Christianize, and Commercialize the Whole Earth. Don't, I say, Don't let the People rule and run their own Government, for to do so means the Death and Dissolution of the Gold Ring.

Make them feel that to be self-governing is disgraceful and un-democratic and un-American. Make them believe that to stand alone as the Model of the World where the Rights of Man and Civil Liberty for all the inhabitants obtain is to so completely isolate themselves that no other nation on earth would have anything to do with them and that they would slowly die of lonesomeness and starvation. Make them think that the Gold controls the People of the Whole Earth, in fact make them believe that the People of the Whole Earth want the Rule of Gold to complete its program of reducing the Human Soul to a vast non-entity, governed solely by Earth's forces. Above all, make them believe that America, as a Nation and Earth's Stand-

ard Bearer of Liberty is a dead issue, and that all the other Nations of the Earth look on in a disdainful attitude toward America and regard her more as an old fossil which has long grown out of date. In short, make them feel in asking for complete control of Governmental Rule that they are descending to the level of Communistic Russia and that to do so base a thing as to ask the Governmental thieves who have formed an Aristocratic Band equal to the bands of thieves, thugs and villians which today occupy the Royal Seats of Buckingham and Rome to step down and out and let the People reign would be to bring about a reign of confusion and chaos that would spell the dissolution of the American Republic.

But Would It?

This very move of nationalizing all industries, placing the Banks and the manipulation of all finances under Governmental supervision, issuing non-interest-bearing bonds to help the American Farmer and small business man; striking out into the World in open competition with England, France, Germany and Italy in commercialistic fields; owning our own Merchant Marine, and opening up vast trade relations with the Far East, India and Russia; I say becoming our own Master again in telling Europe to go to Hell, that our lives and maintenance depends upon placing the American Flag and the American Shipping Interests on a National basis, and completely ignoring the International agreement to strangle the trade relations of other countries for their own personal selfish interests, I say a complete right about face to the present Reign of Gold that has captivated America today would make of us real Americans and would eman-

cipate and liberate all the Peoples of the Earth, to feel themselves Americans along with us, and no longer subjects of British Gold or German, French or Italian foreign rule.

I say America must soon assert her supremacy over all Nations of the Earth, or America will go down never again to rise above the waves of Foreignism and Internationalism. And how must it come? Through the treacherous beasts who pose as Americans but who feel more contented when Europe is robbing us of ships, gold, and trade relations, than when America is getting her own and holding it? No. It must come through some real lover of America who loves America for herself alone and not for what America can yield him in position, power or possession, who will completely upset the Gold Ring here in America today and start a World Revolution to bring the Rights of Man back to its original status and complete the Pyramid in making a Man, a Voice and a true Representative of the American People its President and National Head, who will be true to his oath of office to support, uphold and defend the National Constitution which has in its main import to raise America above the Standards of all other Nations of Earth into the ethereal atmosphere of Blue Heaven, where her Goddess of Liberty stands in immortal Light shedding her Rays of Freedom to men of all the Earth and making them a part of the vast scheme of Universal Brotherhood, the ends for which this Great Republic was brought into being, THAT ALL MEN ARE BORN AMERICANS, AND IN THEIR EQUALITY SHOULD RULE THE EARTH. —Harry R. Lang.

THE MAGIC WORD.

ALL is set with the Powers of the Above for the unsettling of conditions here in America. True, they have been for the most part unsettled since the World War, but nothing in comparison with the Hell that will reign in America shortly. The Roman Catholics are bent on doing one of two things if they cannot win the election and seat Al Smith, then they propose to ruin it if any other candidate is elected. But what will intervene in the meantime is not mere surmise or conjecture. They propose to STEAL THE ELECTION, and Jesuit like accuse the other side of theft. They will win if it takes all their funds, their homes and land and live stock, for, does not the Pope say that all must be sacrificed for him to gain Temporal Rule here on Earth? And if they are good Catholics, they must obey just what the Pope says.

I know you think that I am taking too much credit in giving out the news before it happens. But I happen to be on the wire, and the Pope is at the other end but doesn't know that I, Harry R. Lang, am listening in. I know all their plans, their plans of coming here to America with the Vatican and Royal Household, their plans to destroy all Heretics here in America, their plan to Make the Presidential Office a mere sub-official who must do the Pope's bidding, much after the Mussolini style. I know their plan to subjugate the Soul of America and drag us down to the Infernal Regions for all time.

I say I know all these things and one more thing I know that the Pope and his Cardinals and Jesuits don't happen to know.

And that one thing is this. If they want trouble and wish to taste of oblivion and the destruction of the whole corrupt Roman Catholic Political System throughout America and the Whole World, just let them try to Conquer America. And the Eagle will let out such a loud Cry that Beelzebub himself will scamper away to a cooler place than America, for America will be a very Hell for all Roman Catholics from now on.

—Good-Bye Romano.

A GREAT BUDDHA!

A GREAT BUDDHA shall arise here in America very, very soon. True the East has produced Buddhas for ages, but it has now fallen to the lot of the West to produce a Greater Buddha than has ever fallen the lot of the East to possess. Nearly all Seers and Sages of the Near East today, particularly those of modern India, openly admit that America is the lucky holder of the next Buddha, although the two eminent Europeans, Messrs. Leadbeater and Annie Besant, have produced a man-made Buddha or False Christ in the figure of the obscure Krishnamurti, but, nevertheless, all shadows shall be swept aside when the American Buddha is brought forward.

Now a Buddha is the same as a Christ come to birth in the heart of one particular man, then immediately in the hearts of the many. The Buddhas and Christs have appeared in humankind for ages and when that event transpires it is the signal or sign for the Worldly parts to solidify or crystallize into a Universal Man or Buddha. Thereafter, the World, as a World, goes into Pralaya or subjection,

for the period of 1000 years, or the millennial period mentioned in the Bible.

Who is this Buddha, and how does he manifest? Buddha is Christ and Christ is Buddha. When in the heart of a Worldly Nation, a man holy in structure and with the heart side of his nature developed comes into the new-birth, spoken of by Jesus to Nicodemus in the Bible, then he turns the consciousness of the whole World into a different octave or vibration, but before that event transpires, the World Cataclysm or great shake-up must ensue to loosen man from his worldly possessions or moorings.

The Revolution today going on within the nature of the American Buddha is about to produce an outer Revolution on the material plane. He is today about to be divested of all his earthly belongings and stripped naked of earthly possessions. Then with this cycle of unfoldment in his nature having come to fruition, immediately all earthly treasures and possessions shall be swept away as if by magic. The rich shall become poor and the poor made poorer. I say this event must come to pass before Mankind comes into consciousness of the Greatest Possession that has ever befallen its lot or heir, for with each succeeding Buddha, comes to Mankind a greater glimpse of the Spiritual Level within the material level and consequently a greater joy comes to Mankind than ever befell its lot in the History of the Planet.

FOR THIS TIME BUDDHA SHALL CONQUER THE EARTH FOREVERMORE AND THERE SHALL BE NO MORE EARTH, BUT HEAVENLY CONDITIONS SHALL OBTAIN

AND THE REIGN OF GOLD SHALL FOREVER PASS AWAY!

Mankind has awakened, the yoke of political and ecclesiastical serfdom has been broken for all time and Behold a New Heaven Brought to Earth.

The Buddha shall reign for a period of 48 ages and then the Celestial Real shall command the attention and lives of all in its Great Cosmic Sweep.

—Harry R. Lang.

IT IS TO LAUGH.

ANTI-CATHOLIC publications like the Fellowship Forum of Washington, D. C., and the New Menace of Aurora, Mo., who are avowedly against the Roman Catholic Church and its political machinations operating here in America and who proclaim in no uncertain terms that America must remain America for Americans, are now shouting the praises of one Herbert Hoover as the ideal American to lead them. We would advert to Herbert Hoover's acceptance speech to find Mr. Hoover upbraiding them for their "Intolerance" against the Roman Catholic Church and dubs them irresponsible meddlers who are given over to fits of outbreaks with people who do not believe as they believe. In other words Mr. Hoover's brand of the New Americanism is the tolerant acceptance of Roman Catholicism in American politics and in the New Republican policies which he outlines in his latest address. Says he, in order to cater to the Catholic vote and make them feel that he will be as tolerant to Roman Catholic political aspirants as would Al Smith, "By blood and conviction I stand for religious tolerance, both in act and in spirit. The

glory of our American ideals is the right of every man to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience." Mr. Hoover should know, if he already does not, that the Fellowship Forum and the New Menace do not object to the Roman Catholic Church worshipping God according to the dictates of their own conscience, but they both do object to the Roman Catholic seeking to have everybody worship as they do and because the Roman Catholics are working day and night to "Make America Catholic" by joining Church and State. I wonder if Mr. Hoover is tolerant enough to accept this latest religious move of the Catholics, to "Make America Catholic," and if not why not?

The Fellowship Forum and the New Menace should remember that when they sing the praises of Herbert Hoover they are taking him as he is lock, stock and barrel, a Britisher, a League of Nations Man, a pro-Catholic and a man who countenances all that both publications have condemned in the past in their contribution to the make-up of a 100% American.

How can they both now come out in flaming headlines and sing the praises of British Herbert, the un-American Bourbon, without retracting all they have said in the past about people who are not Roman Catholics themselves but who are worse than Roman Catholics when they betray the Protestant element by protecting, aiding and abetting their cause. The Fellowship Forum in particular upbraided one William Hale Thompson, mayor of Chicago, for double crossing the People when he denounced the Roman Catholic meddling in Chicago political affairs, and afterwards, after he en-

tered office on the votes of non-Catholic protesters, filled most of the most important offices in the City Hall with 100% Irish Catholics. This was a grave offense in the eyes of the Editor of the Fellowship Forum, but now one Herbert Hoover pleads for tolerance among the American people, and will undoubtedly fill the Federal offices with as many Roman Catholics as did Woodrow Wilson or as will Al Smith.

And now the Fellowship Forum and the New Menace are coming out strong for Herbert Hoover? Is there a money consideration directly connected with this latest un-American sentiment, or is it an indirect appeal to subscribers who also support and uphold the pro-Catholic Herbert Hoover and whose subscription money and support they are loathe to forfeit?

To support Herbert Hoover after he comes out now and denounces them for their un-American opposition against Roman Catholics, is a frank admission that both papers are as tolerant with the Roman Catholic Political System as is Herbert Hoover himself, and all they have been saying in their America First columns is sham, hypocrisy and meaningless in order to make money and fool the American People.

IT IS TO LAUGH! Little Divine Life has not the subscription list that the two anti-Catholic publications boast of, but it is at least true to its sentiments, and demands the respect and admiration of Protestants, Roman Catholics and Free Thinkers alike in that it does not straddle the issue and try to cater to both sides. It is AMERICAN 100 PER CENT. And ANTI-CATHOLIC TO THE CORE.

GET THAT?

BOTH DEMOCRAT AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES ARE AVOWEDLY ROMAN CATHOLIC AND ENGLISH-CONTROLLED.

CATHOLIC HERBERT HOOVER

TAKE NOTICE ! Ye Fellowship Forum, New Menace, and Rail Splitter; Ye Anti Catholic publications, who today sing the praises of Herbert Hoover as our next American President who is to defend us from the scheming machinations of the Roman Catholic Church, to the latest declaration of your 50–50 nominee :

Says Hoover : " I cannot fully express my indignation," (against attacks on Smith's religion) " Nor can I reiterate too strongly that religious questions have no part in this campaign. I HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED THAT NEITHER I NOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WANT SUPPORT ON THAT BASIS. There are important and vital questions for the return of the Republican administration, but that is not one of them. "

Think of it !

This man whom you are exalting to the skies in flaming headlines as the only hope of Protestant America, tells you flatly that resistance to the encroachments of the Church of Rome which is fast dissolving our Republic is not an important or vital question in the return of the Republican administration. And yet, you deceive the public by advocating his election to accomplish the things he tells you frankly and implicity he does not intend to do. Do you think he will possibly change his mind after the People are foolish enough to elect him?

Not on Your Life

The American Public should know that today both Democratic and Republican administrative policies are interminably woven into and with the destines of the Roman Catholic Church here in America. If you doubt this statement let me quote from the latest issue of Osservatore Romano, the newspaper which the Vatican uses as the medium for its public announcements.

"American legislation and practical policy have rendered possible the free expansion of Catholic Life in the United States in a way to awaken admiration, one might even say envy in other countries even among most Catholic nations.

"The most eminent men (Hoover and Smith) who are contending for the Presidency have made absolutely correct declarations in the religious matter."

Rome Knows Her Business

Even better than The Fellowship Forum, The New Menace or the Rail Splitter, in maintaining that Hoover is one of their kind to promote the continuation and progress of Catholic Life here in America in such a degree that under the reign of either the two candidates mentioned, the fate of all three publications who oppose Catholicism hangs in the balance!

Perhaps this is why these three publications are grovelling in the mire, kissing the feet of Herbert Hoover as they accuse their adversaries of kissing the Big Toe of POPE PIUS;—FOR FEAR OF THE WRATH OF THEIR EXTERMINATOR!

SON OF MAN, Or, The Sequel to Evolution

THE PHILOSOPHY OF RESURRECTION

CHAPTER VI

IN the first place we do not propose to discuss the problem of bodily resurrection, the resurrection of the material body We hold that the material body dies and is deposited in the grave, where it returns to dust and there remains, never to rise again. But the *spirit* that animated that body, what has become of it? *that* is the question which we propose to discuss. The popular idea has been that the spirit exists for ages, between death and the resurrection morning, without any body, and that it certainly seems wholly unnecessary that *then* it should be given a body.

The idea of a body seems to be inseparably connected with the idea of resurrection. We think it comes from the long association of the idea of *consciousness* with a body, that without a body we cannot be conscious. Let us see. We believe that God is the spirit and that God is conscious, but this does not necessitate our believing that God has a body.

We take this position, that when resurrection *takes place* we are *conscious spirit* beings, as we are *now* conscious rational beings.

According to the psychic-evolution and Christ-principle theory, when the Christ principle or *unconscious* spirit embryo has completed its evolution it has become a conscious spirt organism, or spirit being; and, because this spirit being has been evolved from the divine or Christ principle in nature we call it a Christ or completed spirit organism, conscious of its existence, and *ready* to pass into another and higher state of ex-

istence when it is freed from the material body in which it is imprisoned.

The only "lifting up," therefore, which is ever to occur, takes place at the moment of death. Death, or separation of the *spirit* from the material body, covers a double meaning, and is well illustrated by Jesus in the parable of the sheep and goats. Now, by substituting the spirit embryo for goats, and the completed spirit organism for sheep, we have the solution of the parable. Then he shall say unto them on the right, viz., those that have completed their evolution and become spirit organism: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit, or enter into, the spiritual kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Then shall the King of Death say unto them on the left hand, viz., spirit embryos, Depart and again become imprisoned in the human body and continue your evolution. These shall go away to await their opportunity of incarnation and completing their evolution by the process of regeneration, being born in the flesh over and over again, during ages and ages and what from the embryonic stage may be considered as everlasting; it will be sure to *last* until such time as the slow evolutionary movement has brought the spirit embryo to *birth,* and it has become a *conscious* spirit organism, and thus already developed into the spiritual kingdom.

This brings us to the point of considering the difference between this theory and the popular idea that *spirit exists for ages, between death and the resurrection morning.* Whereas I hold that spirit exists for ages *between* the spirit embryo and spirit *birth.* If we have a mind to call the spirit embryo *death,* for it is an *unconscious* state, and spirit *birth* resurrection or a

conscious state, then we find that the *difference* has vanished, and all there is left resolves itself into the question how the intervening time or ages between the two points is occupied.

As we have assumed that the spirit embryo is *unconscious,* it would be immaterial whether it were in heaven or hades, on the side of traditionalism.

But on the part of psychical evolution that *time,* or ages it may be, must be accounted for, and it is thus accounted for in the evolutionary movement of psychic progression: *not after* resurrection has taken place but before, while it is imprisoned in and developing, therefore progressing in the scale of psychical being in the human body, every revolution, or *re*generation, viz., rebith, brings the spirit embryo on to a higher plane of psychic existence, until in time the *spirit embryo comes to birth in the human soul, which event we have called resurrection.*

We believe this solution is entirely in accordance with the mind of Jesus on this point, judging from his remark, "Let the dead bury their dead." We cannot accuse Jesus of saying so silly a thing as, let a dead body bury a dead body. He evidently referred to the dormant spirit embryo within the body, not taking the human body into account. From this spiritual point of view nearly all with whom he conversed were spiritually dead, and his desire was to quicken these spirit embryos.

In endeavoring to answer the question, how the intervening ages between the two points spirit in embryo and spirit come to birth or resurrection is occupied, we may find a solution to one of Jesus' parables.[1]

Let us take our position in the spiritual kingdom, a silent spectator, surrounded by spirit embryos, and ac-

company the householder as he goes out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard, viz., the world. And when he had agreed with the embryos for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard, the world, to become incarnate within the human bodies which he had prepared. "A body hast thou prepared for me." If a material embryo is prepared to receive the spirit embryo which is to develop into the spirit organism of Jesus, why should it be thought unreasonable to suppose that material embryos are ready to receive other spirit embryos that are seeking entrance into the material world?

And the householder, viz., Holy Spirit, went out about the third hour, and saw other spirit embryos standing idle in the market-place, and said unto them: Go ye also into the vineyard,—world,—and whatsoever is right I will give you. And *they went their way.*

Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found other spirit embryos standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go yet also into the vineyard (world); and whatsoever is right *that* shall ye receive. So when even was come and they which *were* spirit embryos had finished their labor, completed their spiritual evolution, the lord of the vineyard said unto his steward, Call the laborers, and give them their hire, *beginning from the last unto the first.*

And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should

have received more; and *they* likewise received every man a penny. And when they received it, they murmured against the good man of the house, saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

But he answered one of them, and said, Friend I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take *that* thine is, and go thy way. I will give unto this last even as unto thee. *Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own?* Is thine eye evil, because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called but comparatively few chosen, viz., developed.

The "hire" or reward which each one received was immortality or *endless life,* which they received equally without regard to the length of time required by each spirit embryo to accomplish its evolution.

The tendency or direction of the spirit at *birth,* or resurrection from the dormant state, is not outward but inward, a going into itself, where all is spiritual and belongs to the spiritual universe. As Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is *within you.*" Is not the *divine life* within you more than meat, as the body is more than raiment? When spirit comes to birth or is resurrected from its unconscious state, all *within* the soul is spiritual while all without is sensuous and belongs to the *sense world.*

The spiritual organism at birth draws itself back to the innermost and mysterious chambers of existence which underlie the outward. The realm of the conscious spirit organism—the Christ or divine life within the soul—must be described, in relation to this world of *sense,* as an *inward* realm. As the Christ is formed,

it withdraws from the outward and visible sense world, or sphere of matter, into the unseen spiritual universe, or what Jesus called the kingdom of God.

The rising again or "lifting-up" process is entirely different from resurrection, and occurs at death, or when dissolution of the material body takes place; and this is aptly called the judgment day, as *death* pronounces the *final* judgment.

The "lifting up," or ascension, must not be thought of as a literal ascent into the skies, but rather a withdrawal into the spiritual universe, untrammelled by our material body, into the immediate presence of the Spirit in whom we live and move and have our spiritual being.

We will endeavor to make the "lifting-up" process a little clearer by illustrating it by the law of gravity. It may seem an obvious objection to try to illustrate a spiritual law by a natural law, as many of the natural laws may have no connection whatever with the spiritual universe, and as a matter of fact are not continued through it.

First, gravitation in the material world deals with matter; and when matter ceases, or is not, we would no longer look for terrestial gravitation but *Spiritual* gravitation. Let us look at the definition. "Gravitation is the tendency of a mass of matter towards the centre of attraction; especially the tendency of a body toward the centre of the earth; also that law in accordance with which gravitation acts, namely, that every two bodies or portions of matter in the universe attract each other with a force proportional directly to the quantity of matter they contain, and inversely to the square of their distances."

This is the law of terrestrial gravitation. The *law*

holds good in spiritual gravitation. It is the *substance* and *centre* that have changed. Hence every two spirit bodies or portions of spirit substance or essence in the spiritual universe attract each other with a force proportional directly to the quantity of spirit they contain, and inversely to the square of their distance.

Now, we may not be able to see the force of this law in the spiritual universe as we see it in the natural world; but we have an equal advantage: we are able to feel the spirit attraction and be intellectually conscious of it.

I do not know why the sense of consciousness is not as good *objective* proof as the sense of seeing. Long before the *words* gravitation or *attraction* were coined, Jesus applied the meaning in the *spiritual* sense in this connection. "No man hath ascended up to heaven," or the spiritual universe, "but he that came down from heaven," or out of the spiritual universe, "even the Son of man which *is* in heaven," or unseen universe; making the natural world and heaven or the unseen universe *one*.—For Jesus was in the natural or sense world talking with Nicodemus, and he was in heaven or the spiritual universe at the same time. Nothing but *spirit* can ascend or be "lifted up," even the Son of man, viz., the Christ or spirit organism.

Then the spirit in man came down, or out, from the Spirit of God. And by the law of spiritual gravitation or attraction, the "centre" being changed, the spirit in man must return to the centre of the spiritual universe which is the Spirit of God. Then by the law of spiritual attraction, when its evolution is completed and the spirit organism is freed from the body, it must be lifted up because of the attraction toward the centre of the spiritual universe.

The released spirit is "lifted up" according to an eternal law, the same as particles of matter are attracted to the centre of the earth; and the conditions of individuation being fulfilled, the spirit organism obeys the law of spiritual *attraction,* as naturally as the particles of matter obey the law of gravitation, and attract each other with a force proportional directly to the quantity of spirit.

Jesus said, "If I be *lifted up,* I will draw all men unto me." There would be little or no attraction between a spirit embryo and the centre of the spiritual universe. Hence the necessity of the quickening of the spirit embryo. It must be quickened or *resurrected* from its dormant state before it can be *lifted up* or acted upon by the law of attraction or spiritual gravitation.

The whole doctrine of evolution as it is expounded, not simply in the writings of modern philosophers, but as it appears in and agrees with spiritual evolution in the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians, teaches this view. Paul says, "The first man Adam was made a living soul," containing the Christ principle or spirit embryo; "the last Adam was made a *quickening spirit.*" It is evident that if the first Adam had not contained the *Christ principle,* the second Adam would not have developed into a Christ or spirit organism.

"For as in Adam all die," viz., the body returns to dust and the dormant or unquickened spirit embryo merges back into the general fund of spirit, "even so in Christ shall all be made alive," viz., the quickened spirit or Christ develops into a *divine life* or spirit organism. The *dormant* spirit embryo is brought to life or *resurrected* within the human soul; and when its

individuation is completed, and it is separated from the body by death, then it may be "lifted up."

Until the quickening process takes place and by the evolutionary movement it is completed in the resurrection, the spirit embryo is under the law of terrestrial gravitation and its centre of gravity is the centre of the earth; hence it *cannot* rise until such time as it becomes individuated or separated from the body, although it is continually acted upon by spiritual attraction from the embryonic stage, until by spirit or resurrection it becomes a spirit organism, and when separated from the body is lifted up. Jesus was the first perfected "fruit" of them that *slept, not* in *death,* but spelt in *embryo.*

If we remove the lifting-up or individuating force, or what we have called spiritual gravitation, then terrestrial gravitation prevails and the quickened and nearly completed spirit organism is refunded. But when spirit comes to birth, there is no longer any tendency to return, for the *cohesive ligature* which binds the spirit organism to the mortal body is already severed at birth. The spirit organism or Christ is the same child that is born to the soul, and her life still circulates in the spirit babe, and it draws its identity from the soul which gave it birth. The umbilical cord is not severed until death or dissolution takes place.

The spirit embryo or Christ entity may lie dormant or not come to spirit birth for thousands of years, while all this time it is undergoing spiritual progression and rising on to a higher plane as the human soul develops.

The spirit embryo did not rise to the point of spirit birth or resurrection, except in the persons of Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and possibly a few

others, during the period of fifteen hundred and seventy-one years, according to the Biblical record to the time of Moses. And *all* the spirit embryos or entities that had become incarnate before the Flood had not all risen, it seems, in the time of Jesus, for Jesus *while in the body,* preached to the *spirits* that waited in the days of Noah while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is eight souls, were saved by water from physical *death.*

These eight mortal souls were the habitations of eight spirit embryos. These spirits imprisoned in the body, Israelites and Gentiles, to whom Jesus was preaching, were the identical "spirits" or spirit embryos that were in the bodies of those who lived before the Flood, or in the days of Noah. They had not at that time come to spirit birth or resurrection.

Thus the completed kinetic (force) individuality, or what we call the spirit in man, viz., Christ principle, has been evolving, unfolding, and conforming to the type from the beginning or creation of the first Adam, —we are willing to leave it to psychic evolutionists to say how long before that period.

According to evolution there has been going on from the beginning a twofold development, viz., a development of material *forms* and a development of material *forces.* The first has resulted in the human frame, which is a completion of the evolutionary movement from a physical point of view. When physical evolution had completed its course, spiritual evolution took up the work and carried it forward to its present high level, which is by no means its ultimate goal. But from this level we can follow the evolutionary movement backward, and we find that the development of immaterial *forces* has resulted in spirit birth and the

development of the spirit organism, a Christ or Son of man.

There is no more mystery in following out the completion of the evolutionary movement from an immaterial or spiritual point of view than from a physical point of view. The ultimate development of the spirit organism is as certain as the development of the physical organism, hence no one should demur to conclusions drawn from the fact, since, we have Jesus, Moses, and the prophets, Paul, and scores of spirit organisms, to substantiate the assertion.

Moreover, belief in immortality is said to be direct *intuition,* a natural dictate of the soul; and the soul, it is urged, is its own proper witness on this subject. A future existence is and must be a matter of *information* or *intuition,* and not of *inference.* The intellect may imagine it ,but could never have discovered it and can never prove it; *the developed spirit organism must have revealed* it; must, and does, perpetually reveal it, first in Jesus and then through other spirit organisms. It is a matter which comes properly within the cognizance of the spirit organisms, of that spirit sense or consciousness to which on such topics we look for information as we look to our bodily senses for information touching the things of the material world, things which lie within their province. We therefore at once concede to the spirit the privilege of instructing us as to the things of itself; we apply to the psychic sense for information on spiritual things.

This brings us to the consideration of the subject, viz., can the developed soul, *aside* from the spirit organism, give information in regard to immortality? Moses was the first developed intellect or *soul* in the line of Abraham, and the most developed spirit or-

ganism at that epoch. But did Moses give us any information in regard to immortality or future life? Though doubtless the spirit in Moses came to spirit birth it was not sufficiently developed to give information in regard to the future life. Neither was it in the prophets.

It was through Jesus, the first completed spirit organism, that *life,* i. e., *spirit life* and *immortality, were brought to light.* It may be in this connection that Jesus said, "Greater things than these [which I have done] can *ye* do," when the spirit organism is developed in you. We are to have more and more light upon the subject of immortality as the spirit organism develops *in the individual.*

Information on spiritual things rests *not* upon tradition but upon the development of the spirit organism corroborated by the statements of Jesus. This appears to me the only foundation on which the belief in an endless spirit life can legitimately rest. We have the divine life *now,* and are conscious of it. Those in whom spirit has come to birth have already entered into the resurrection. We may rest assured that when dissolution takes place we will be "lifted up" or withdrawn from the outward and visible sphere of matter into the unseen spiritual universe.

I am aware that this knowledge is anterior to reasoning, independent of reasoning, unprovable by reasoning; and yet, as *no logic can demonstrate its unsoundness* or can bring more than negative evidence to oppose it, I can hold it with a simplicity and tenacity which are never granted to the conclusions of the understanding. I can hold it because I have the witness within myself, and it is not therefore on my part an act of belief but of spiritual knowledge.

"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm (Spirit) of the Lord revealed?" Of course the force of this argument depends upon whether there *is* a spirit organism to bear such witness. When the spirit comes to birth within your own soul, *then* you have the witness, and not until then. "Who will believe our report?" Only those in whom the spirit has been quickened or come to birth. To whom is the Spirit of God revealed? Tho those in whom the spirit has been quickened or come to birth.

To the man who disbelieves the existence of the spirit organism or Christ in the individual—the man in whose soul the spirit embryo has not yet been quickened—this line of argument will appear unwarrantable and illogical, and always will appear so, for this reason, that the physical and psychological, though invariably *associated* with each other, term for term, cannot by any effort of the imagination be construed the one in the terms of the other, or explained the one by the other. They cannot, therefore, be imagined to be correlated or mutually convertible as are the different forms of physical and chemical force. Nor can they be imagined to stand in the relation of cause and effect in the *same sense* in which we use these terms when we speak of lower forces and phenomena, where cause and effect express only change from one form of *motion* to another.

The great importance of the demonstration of the radically distinct nature of soul and spirit, or of mental and spiritual phenomena, it seems to me, cannot be over-estimated. It is generally considered only negative evidence in favor of immortality, but to me it is quite positive: for, granting that consciousness, will, thought, the essential constituents of the spirit organ-

ism, are immaterial entities, we may proceed at once to affirm that death cannot affect these, since it affects only material things. Of course it may be objected that the soul, the intellect especially, though it be but the organ or instrument of the spirit organism, is yet necessary to the spirit's activity, just as an instrument is necessary to the production of music by the musician. To which it may be replied: While this is true in this material world so long as the spirit organism is imprisoned within the body, we have no right to assume that it is true when the spirit organism is freed from the body or "lifted up" into the unseen universe. On the contrary, the action of the spirit organism in that sphere would be impossible if it were united to a material form and brain. Could the spirit organism of Jesus "come unto us and make his abode with us" if it were joined with and dependent upon a human soul or intellect?

On the other hand, it seems imperative that the spirit in us must come to birth before it can be conscious of being acted upon by spirit attraction. But, however this may be, it is a grand triumph for Christology to have a *scientific* demonstration that man is something else than a bundle of matter and material forces; and as grand a triumph on the part of science, that the doctrine of evolution has at last reached the Christ plane, and that in the near future it will be able to place upon a scientific basis the fundamental truths of the Christ dispensation—that the *Christ* is a *divine principle* or entity in nature innate or incarnate within every human being, and that Jesus was the *first* completed development of the *Christ principle,* the last and highest form of immaterial force.

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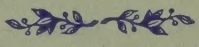

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